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Editor of The Bee — Sir:
As news of the newly cease fire and formation of a practical coalition government in Laos reaches us we should give our sincere support and thanks to President Kennedy and Undersecretary of State Averill Harriman for their wise policies and efforts that made this peace possible.

This peace is a demonstration of the basic good faith and goodwill of the people of Laos. We know our men in uniform who were slogging through knee deep mud and steaming jungles fighting off malaria and homesickness must be eagerly looking forward to coming home from a war almost no one — not the president, the Laotian people or the Communists — wanted and few understood.

This was not a war started by the Communists but by a group of radical right wing privateers masquerading as an agency of the United States Government, the central intelligence agency. This agency is completely autonomous, having its own army, navy and air force and a huge budget. It is so secret not even the president knows what it is doing most of the time.

Its job is to spy on our friends and enemies and carry out other cloak and dagger operations. It is responsible for breaking up President Eisenhower's summit conference when it sent a U2 plane to get caught by the Reds days before the conference began. It led the notorious Cuban invasion with the support of former gangster - dictator Batista's henchmen.

And it started all the trouble in Laos when it drove out the peaceful neutralist government the president reestablished in favor of its own right wing puppet prince.

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